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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pietro	Padovani)	Group Art No.: 3652
Application No:	10/076,923	Examiner: Bratlie, Steven A.
Filed:	02/14/2002	Re: RESPONSE

For: Handling Apparatus for) Our Ref: B-4502 619523-5 Thermoformed Object Stacks...")

Date: March 22, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents POB 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Sir:

- 1. This is a Petition for an extension by three months of the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2003.
- 2. Applicant is a small entity.
- 3. Attached is a check in the sum of \$475.00. Charge to Deposit Account 12-0415 any additional fee required or credit for any excess paid.
- 4. A Response to the Official Action is filed concurrently with this Petition.
- 5. A duplicate of this Petition is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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